



## **BEARFACTS 1989 – 1999**

### **Mercer , Missouri [29129]**

Mercer is one of 115 counties in Missouri. It is not part of a Metropolitan Area. Its 1999 population of 3,742 ranked 114th in the state.

#### **PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME**

In 1999 Mercer had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$20,675. This PCPI ranked 38th in the state and was 80 percent of the state average, \$25,697, and 74 percent of the national average, \$27,939. The 1999 PCPI reflected an increase of 1.1 percent from 1998. The 1998-1999 state change was 3.1 percent and the national change was 3.9 percent. In 1989 the PCPI of Mercer was \$10,776 and ranked 100th in the state. The 1989-1999 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 6.7 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.2 percent and for the nation was 4.2 percent.

#### **TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME**

In 1999 Mercer had a total personal income (TPI) of \$77,367\*. This TPI ranked 112th in the state and accounted for 0.1 percent of the state total. In 1989 the TPI of Mercer was \$40,261\* and ranked 114th in the state. The 1999 TPI reflected an increase of 0.1 percent from 1998. The 1998-1999 state change was 3.9 percent and the national change was 5.1 percent. The 1989-1999 average annual growth rate of TPI was 6.7 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.1 percent and for the nation was 5.5 percent.

#### **COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME**

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of Mercer. In 1999 net earnings accounted for 63.1 percent of TPI (compared with 45.6 in 1989); dividends, interest, and rent were 16.4 percent (compared with 31.8 in 1989); and personal current transfer receipts were 20.5 percent (compared with 22.6 in 1989). From 1998 to 1999 net earnings increased 1.2 percent; dividends, interest, and rent decreased 7.2 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 3.4 percent. From 1989 to 1999 net earnings increased on average 10.3 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent decreased on average 0.1 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 5.7 percent.

#### **EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK**

Earnings of persons employed in Mercer increased from \$55,944\* in 1998 to \$57,029\* in 1999, an increase of 1.9 percent. The 1998-1999 state change was 5.3 percent and the national change was 6.8 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1989 estimate of \$16,527\* to the 1999 estimate was 13.2 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.2 percent and for the nation was 5.6 percent.

*\*Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.*

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